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ALLOCATION OF MPLAD FUNDS TO SC AND ST POPULATION
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory to spend 22.5 percent of MPLAD funds on SC and ST population out of the annual allocation of fund for each constituency;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these guidelines also apply to the constituencies where there is less percentage of SC and ST population;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the proportional percentage of fund is being allocated and spent on SC and ST population in all the constituencies;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) to (d): The MPLADS Guidelines envisages special attention to infrastructural development of SC/ST areas. The MPs are expected to recommend every year such works amounting to at least 15% of their MPLADS fund for areas inhabited by Scheduled Caste population and 7.5% for areas inhabited by Scheduled Tribe population. These provisions are applicable to all Constituencies irrespective of percentage of SC and ST population.

(e) & (f) As the MPLAD Scheme is implemented by District Authorities, the entire details of all MPLADS works including those pertaining to SC/ST and the funds allocated/expenditure incurred are maintained and available with them.

(g) Adequate provision in this regard already exists in the Guidelines.